

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification and claims 1-3 have been amended. Claims 4 -17 have been added, thus claims 1-17 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is included in this amendment.

Claim Amendments:

Claims 1 has been amended to clarify the claim and claims 2 and 3 have been amended to correct typographical errors in the claims as originally submitted.

Specification Amendments:

Paragraph [0001] is amended to reference the patent number of the parent application. Paragraph [0024] is amended to correct the references indicated therein to be the same as shown in FIG. 5 and in paragraph [0026].

The Rejection:

At page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-3 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 14-20 of U.S. Patent 6,772,429. A terminal disclaimer accompanies this amendment. It is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

New claims 4-17:

New claims 4-17 recite combinations of features of the invention not previously claimed. Claims 4-17 are deemed to be allowable at least for similar reasons as claims 1-3 are allowable.

Conclusion:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

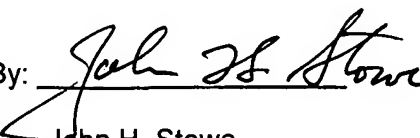
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 50-3333.

Respectfully submitted,

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